Proposal of setting up of Mini Refinery at Kharsang Oil Field in Arunachal Pradesh

1255. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a mini Refinery at Kharsang oil field Changland district of Arunachal Pradesh ;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be set up ;

(c) what will be the total estimated cost of the project ;

(d) what will be the quantum of turn out of the refinery per annum; and

(e) whether Government are going to propose to pay royalty to the State Government as has been done in Assam and other States ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Royalty on crude oil produced on land is paid to the concerned State Government and this is being done in the case of Arunachal Pradesh also.

Installed capacity of mechanised paper industry and small scale paper units

1256. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the installed capacity of mechanised paper industry and small scale paper units in the country ;

(b) what proportion of the total installed capacity is still dependent on forest raw materials like bamboo and wood ;

(c) what is the status of units being set up by cooperatives based on non-conventional raw materials like bagasse, rice straw, grass, fast growing species of forest and raw materials from captive plantations; and

(d) whether there is any plan to give further fiscal incentives for paper manufacturing plants based on non-conventional raw material sources ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) The small and agro-based paper mills account for about 50% of the total installed capacity of 30.14 lakh tonnes for the manufacture of paper and paper board in the country.

(b) and (c) About 70% of the total installed capacity is still based on forest raw materials. However, paper mills are increasingly trying to use non-conventional raw materials.

(d) Formulation of policy measures for the growth of paper industry is a continuous process. Several policy measures for encouraging the use of non-conventional raw materials for the paper and paper board industry have been taken by the Government from time to time.

उत्तरी कर्णपुरा ताप विद्युत परियोजना

1257. श्री चतुरानन मिश्र: क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय ताप विद्युत निगम ने उत्तरी कर्णपुरा ताप विद्युत परियोजना के संबंध में केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण और योजना आयोग के विचारार्थ अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है?

(ख) यदि हाँ तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस प्रतिवेदन को विश्व बैंक को उनके विचारार्थ भेजा है ;

(घ) इस प्रतिवेदन के अनुसार इस परियोजना पर कब तक काम शुरू हो जायगा ; और

(ङ) क्या यह परियोजना आठवीं योजनावधि के अंत तक पूरी हो जायगी ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी. उपेंद्र) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय ताप विद्युत निगम ने, बिहार के हजारीबाग जिले में उत्तरी कर्णपुरा सुपर ताप विद्युत परियोजना (2×500 मेगावाट) स्थापित किये जाने के संबंध में नवम्बर, 1989 में केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण के समक्ष एक व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की थी।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) और (ङ) परियोजना से नौवीं योजनावधि के दौरान लाभ प्राप्त करने की आयोजना की गई है।

Creation of a centralised cell to receive complaints against Inspectors of Small Scale Industrial Units

1258. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention have been dawn to the news item captioned "Government to free small sector from inspector raj" which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 7th August, 1990 ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to create a centralised cell at the Central and State levels where complaints against the Inspectors could be lodged ; and

(c) if so, what effective steps are contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has recently constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, Department of Small Scale Industries & Agro and Rural Industries in the Ministry of Industry to look into the matter of unnecessary interference by Inspectors visiting the Small Scale Industrial Undertakings under various Acts/Laws and make suitable recommendations to the Government with a view to eliminate the same. The terms of the reference of the Committee are :

1. To examine the possibility of exempting the Small Scale Sector from the application of certain Acts.

2. In respect of Acts which have to be applicable to consider the possibility of combining the relevant forms/returns with a view to drastically reducing their overall numbers.

3. To cut down significantly on the visits of the Inspectors under the various Acts, including reducing their frequencies.

Ban on Drugs

1259. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any drugs which are banned in the west due to their harmful effects but are allowed to be sold in India ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and